

HINE 118
The Middle East in the Twentieth Century

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The course is an introductory survey of the Middle East in the last century. Themes in modern Middle Eastern history such as identity formation and nationalism, imperialism, Islamic movements, the economics and politics of oil, globalization, and communal conflict will be treated within a broad chronological and comparative framework drawing on the experience of the Southwest Asian countries and Egypt. The course does not require background in Middle Eastern history.

The text for the class is Peter Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East** (Penguin, 2004), 2nd edition (available at the University Bookstore). Further course materials will be posted on TED (ted.ucsd.edu).

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Week 1:

Tu Jan 8 Unity and diversity: region in historical perspective
Th Jan 10 Backdrop to the last century

Readings:

The following selection is strongly recommended background reading. (You will not be examined on this section of the Mansfield book, but a careful reading will be important for the understanding of subsequent course materials.)

P. Mansfield, **A History of the Middle East**, 1-113.

II. WAR, IMPERIALISM, AND GENESIS OF ARAB STATES

Week 2:

Tu Jan 15 First World War
Th Jan 17 Imperial dissolution and European re-assertion

Readings:

Mansfield, 114-66.
W. Laqueur and B. Rubin, **The Israel-Arab Reader**, 12-33.

Week 3:

Tu Jan 22 Arab Middle East between the two World Wars

Th Jan 24 Making of the Palestine Question

Readings:

Mansfield, 167-210.

C. Smith, **Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**, Ch. 4.

III. ALTERNATIVE PATHS TO NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Week 4:

Tu Jan 29 Creating a nation-state in the rump Empire: Turkey

Th Jan 31 Independent monarchies: Iran and Saudi Arabia

Readings:

E. J. Zürcher, **Turkey: A Modern History**, 173-214.

Mansfield, 210-218.

N. Keddie, **Roots of Revolution**, 79-141.

“A Speech by Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddeq,” in C. Amin et. al., **The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History**, 360-67.

Week 5:

Tu Feb 5 Discussion

Th Feb 7 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

IV. CONSOLIDATION OF MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STATES

Week 6:

Tu Feb 12 End of mandates and decolonization

Th Feb 14 Arab nationalism and the Israeli factor, 1945-1967

Readings:

Mansfield, 219-79.

J. Abd al-Nasir, **Egypt's Liberation** and “The Program of Ba'ath Party,” in C. Amin et. al., 73-90.

P. Sluglett, “The Middle East in the Cold War” in Louise Fawcett (ed.), 41-58

Week 7:

Tu Feb 19 Crisis of the Seventies
Th Feb 21 (To be announced)

Readings:

Mansfield, 280-322
R. S. Humphreys, "Jihad and the Politics of Salvation," 174-203.

V. TOWARDS THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST

Week 8:

Tu Feb 26 Iranian Revolution
Th Feb 28 Societal rifts and political change: Lebanon, Israel, Egypt

Readings:

Mansfield, 322-334.
E. Abrahamian, **A History of Modern Iran**, Ch. 6.
C. Shindler, **A History of Modern Israel**, 175-197.
"Anwar al-Sadat's Speech to the Israeli Knesset, 1977" in Camron, et. al., 368-81

Week 9:

Tu Mar 5 Intifada and the quest for Israeli-Palestinian peace
Th Mar 7 The Gulf Wars

Readings:

Mansfield, 335-89.
J. Gelvin, **The Israel-Palestine Conflict**, 212-250.

Week 10

Tu Mar 12 Middle East in the Twenty First Century
Th Mar 14 Contemporary issues

Readings:

Mansfield, 390-406.

“Osama bin Laden’s Use of History” in Camron, et. al, 292-98.

R. Khalidi, “Raising the Ghosts of Empire” in **Resurrecting Empire**, 152-75.

REQUIREMENTS

Mid-term examination on Thursday, Feb 7 (35%).

Final examination on Thursday, March 21, 8-11 (65%).

Both exams are mandatory and in-class. Exams cannot be administered before the scheduled date for any reason. Please bring **blue book**.

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<http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>

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